(a) The total amount of foreign exchange spent since 1997 towards purchase of aircraft by the Air-India and the Indian airlines,

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned in the corresponding period by the Air India and the Indian Airlines through the sales of tickets and freight charges and

(c) The total amount of foreign exchange incurred towards allowances to staff of these two airlines during the last one year ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The amount of foreign exchange spent by Air India and Indian Airlines on purchase of aircraft since 1997 is as under

Air India US $ 1008 129 million

Indian Airlines US $ 1184 million

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned by Air India and Indian Airlines through the sale of tickets and freight charges during the corresponding period is as under

Air India Rs 7955 08 crores

Indian Airlines Rs 19989 53 crores

(c) according to available information, on crew allowances and travel of other staff, Air India has spent approximately Rs 21 crores while Indian Airlines has spent approximately a crore and a half, during the last one year

Revision of schedule of Indian Airlines.

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(a) whether the Indian Airlines keep on changing its time schedule,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) the number of times the schedule has been revised during the last twelve months, and

(d) the steps taken to improve the working and functioning of the Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (c) Indian Airlines changes its flight schedule when necessary for reasons like implement weather load factor on flights, special requirements of charter operations etc temporary reduction in operating aircraft, non availability of airport facilities and industrial unrest Apart from rescheduling on these accounts, the schedule of Indian Airlines flights is ordinarily revised twice a year for winter and summer

(d) The following steps have been taken to improve in this respect, the functioning of Indian Airlines flights

(i) provision of standby aircraft capacity at base stations

(ii) more realistic schedule for maintenance of aircraft,

(iii) close monitoring of action taken for rectification of snags,

(iv) more rational scheduling and deployment of aircraft, matching with traffic demands

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